

THE SERVANT'S VOICE

Christ The Servant Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship: Service of Word and Sacrament, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. ~ Christian Education, 9:45 a.m.



Saved by God's grace and energized by the power of the Holy Spirit, Christ The Servant Lutheran Church is

- *growing spiritually in Jesus Christ,*
- *welcoming others to experience God's grace, and*
- *servicing all creation.*

Our guiding principles are:

- *Jesus is Lord,*
- *we do everything with prayer and Scripture,*
- *we are committed to worship rooted in Word and Sacrament,*
- *we give thanks to God always,*
- *we value people as Christ does,*
- *we agree and disagree in love,*
- *we are God's hands and voices.*

CHANGE IN PASTORAL LEADERSHIP

April 17, 2011

Dear Partners in Ministry:

After almost seven and a half years of serving with you in the ministry of Jesus Christ at Christ The Servant Lutheran Church, after much prayer and conversation with my husband, Henry, I announce my intention to retire from ministry at Christ The Servant Lutheran Church. My retirement will begin July 1, 2011.

This has been a difficult decision to make because I feel deeply bonded with you and committed to the purpose of this congregation. Together we have experienced immense upheavals and celebrated precious occasions in many lives and the whole of the congregation. I cannot express fully my thankfulness for your steadfast support for Henry and me as partners with you in the various expressions of our service in Jesus' name.

I am confident that you are fully able to move forward into God's preferred future. You are focused on living in spirit of the name of this congregation, being servants of Christ The Servant. You have extremely competent leaders, a wide variety of talented people, a rich mixture of all ages, and generous giving for the work of God. Your staff works diligently and creatively to enable you to worship and serve.

Interim pastoral leadership will be arranged in consultation with Bishop Kanouse and Bishop Assistant Jane Mar who will guide you through the process of calling another pastor.

The transition from one pastor to another is a God-given time for growing spiritually in Jesus Christ, especially through prayer and Bible study. It is a time to practice welcoming others at an even deeper level of hospitality. It is time for serving all creation—people, place, and planet— in ongoing care and new ventures.

I shall be praying for you as you continue in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, love of God, and communion of the Holy Spirit, until that day when Jesus fully reigns.

Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Peggy Ogden-Howe

Please join us Tuesday, May 24th as Bishop Kanouse conducts an exit interview & congregation conversation with Pastor Peggy.



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Servant's Garden Monty Naylor
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Worship Leaders/Ushers..... Carolyn Kacena
Writers Group..... Betty Finden

PASTOR PEGGY'S PARAGRAPHS

Dear Friends in Christ,

Ministry with you at Christ The Servant Lutheran Church has not been dull. For seven and a half years, we have experienced a challenging ride of being faithful to Jesus Christ and his purpose for us through changes nearly at every moment.

We have lived through construction of US 380 at our front door, re-construction of our porte cache, refurbishing the sanctuary, recovery from an arsonist's fire, and renovation following a flood.

We have worked with six Office Administrators, four choir directors, and yearly changes of council leadership.

People who were charter members have died, babies and two adults were baptized, teens affirmed their baptismal vows, a handful of weddings and re-affirmation of marriage vows were celebrated, and new liturgies were learned.

Through all changes in ministry, our constant and common hope has been the "God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth into a living hope " (I Peter 1:3.) This hope supplies us with energy to be alive in Christ like heated air inflates a hot air balloon, empowering the balloon to lift off the earth into the realms above the earth.

My source of hope is the resurrecting power of Jesus for all, especially as I approach retirement. I have trepidations about the future unfolding of retirement. Those who are retired say that it is wonderful. Many still laboring wish they were retiring. Henry and I may need coaching about ways to enjoy its freedom and responsibilities.

I expect that changing the focus of identity and activity will be a process, not accomplished in one fell stroke by turning in my church keys. I will need daily to ask for God's wisdom to choose how to serve this day and the tomorrows ahead of me.

I thank you from the depths of my soul for your partnership in ministry. You have welcomed me into the tenderest moments of your lives. You have forgiven my failures. You have supported the personal lives and ministry projects of both Henry and me.

Thank you for being faithful and available to explore new ministries, learn new hymns, and experiment with new types of worship. You are champions in welcoming others to experience God's grace!

We are bound together with Jesus Christ and all the saints by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, our living hope who has defeated death. With gratitude for our living hope in Christ, let us go on our ways rejoicing! Your servant in Christ,

Pastor Peggy

FROM THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear CTSL members,

Grace to you and peace in our Risen Lord and Savior. Many things are happening here at CTSL and I want to be sure that you are aware of them. As you know, Pastor Peggy has submitted her letter of retirement. I hope that in our sense of loss we can still celebrate with her the joy and excitement for the next phase of her life. Not only is she leaving CTSL, she is leaving the profession she has loved. In the next few weeks the Council will work on celebration plans that will involve your participation in planning and attending events. If you have some ideas do not hesitate to share them with a Council member. The Council will also be working with NTNL Bishop Kanouse and Pastor Jane Mar on hiring an interim pastor to serve from July 1st until we are able to secure a new pastor. The search process has many steps, but will not begin until Pastor Peggy has retired.

DO NOT BE THE MISSING FACE! Please make arrangements to have your picture taken for the pictorial directory. It is so much fun to see everyone's pictures along with their directory information. Make a point of getting your appointment scheduled early, so there isn't a blank space where your picture should be.

Summer is fast approaching. We hope to have a variety of events going on. Be sure to continue to support our Empty Bowls project, The Servant's Garden, Choir, Quilters, Men in Mission, Kaffee Klatsch, and Sunday services and education hour. We miss you when you are gone, but we wish you safe travels wherever you may go.

Serving you,
Ruth Johnson, Council President

CTS NEWS AND EVENTS



Summer Worship

May 29—August 14

9:00 am
10:15 am

Worship Service
Theological Education for Disciples (TED)



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VIRTUAL LIVES: ADULT FORUM

Adult forum "Virtual Lives: Christian Reflection on Information Technologies." , lead by Pastor Peggy.

- May 1 Guest speaker Paul Hensel
- May 8 Religious Authority in the Age of the Internet
- May 15 Guest Presenter
- May 22 Faithful Criticism of Popular Media Technologies
- May 29 Making Moral Choices in Video Games

What Are You Living For? -- The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered "Man. Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived."

The boxes are mostly ready to go to Dallas on the 28th of April. We will have close to 200 to send! This is really great, considering we have missed some days, and a few have been sick and could not always work. A final count will come in next month's newsletter. We will be quilting in May on the 9th & 10th and the 23rd & 24th. Hope to see you all there so we can get a good start on next year's quilts. We will not be quilting this summer, in June, July and August.

Carolyn Kacena, June Powell, and Joan Rennie pose while preparing for final stitching.



Check out the "Quilter's Corner" on page five of the March newsletter to see where the quilts go after they leave our church.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT TO DO IN A DISASTER?



KNTU, 88.1 is the official station to alert local citizens in the Denton area of emergency notices and for advice of evacuation details. Tune your AM/FM battery portable radio to this station. A battery portable radio should be in every household emergency kit.

There are 3 temporary evacuation locations to be used prior to opening shelters. Once at one of these staging areas you would be advised which shelters are available and where you should go.

1. Fouts Field on the UNT campus
2. CH Collins Stadium near the intersection of Loop 288 and FM 428 (Sherman Drive)
3. Golden Triangle Mall at the intersection of I-35E and Loop 288

There will be a disaster drill on Friday, May 6 at MET Park, behind Denton Regional Hospital.

The disaster will be a mock train derailment. Remember rail service to Dallas starts this June.

Also, DCTA will sponsor a Rail Ready Safety Day on Saturday, May 21 at the Med Park Station behind Denton Regional Hospital. It will be from 10 am to 1 pm and there will be activities, train tours, a safety fair and exhibits.

Emergency Notifications -- In the event church services are changed or cancelled (as they were when the broken pipe caused flooding) the information will be posted on the church answering machine, and local radio and television stations. KNTU, 88.1 will be one of the sources to listen to for information about changes in worship services or church activities.

Henry Howe

Golfers!

Come represent CTS at the Briarwood Invitational, May 6, at Fossil Creek Golf Club. Even non-golfers can join the fun and become a sponsor. See Andy Waite or Henry Howe for more information. Signup forms are at the Activity Center.



Servant Men's Breakfast

The monthly Men's Breakfast will be on Saturday, May 14, at 8:30.



Lutheran Night with the Rangers

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 28th Lutheran night at Rangers ballpark versus the Kansas City Royals! First pitch is at 6:10 p.m. the special group rate for lower reserve tickets is \$21.00 per ticket, a \$32.00 face value. For tickets, call/email Dick Wentzel, 817 478.7790, dick-wentzel@sbcglobal.net or Davis Tubre, 972.827.7140, hdubre@gmail.com.



Tickets after the 14th can be ordered by calling Pat Harvey, 817.436.5963 or by emailing him at pharvey@texasrangers.com. Remember, the earlier you order, the better your seats.

Building Men For Christ

A one day workshop for men held at King of Glory Lutheran Church, Dallas Saturday, June 11, 8-4:30. Lead by Mr. Rich White, LMM Vice President.

- build leadership skills
- develop a working team with the pastor to reach men not currently active in the congregation, and
- attract men who are unchurched.

\$50.00 registration, includes *No Man Left Behind* by Patrick Morley, *Coming of Age*, by David Hill, et al, printed participant manuals, & Saturday lunch.

Contact Henry Howe to register. More info. at www.lutheranmen.org.



Lutheran Men Building for Habitat for Humanity

Save the dates, beginning September 9, the NT-NL Lutheran Men will be involved in the Habitat for Humanity build project.

More will be coming out about the event and about fundraising. Please let Henry Howe know if you can assist the build team on Fridays during the project period.

NEWS FROM SEMINARY

JANICE HEIDLBERGER

Dear Christ The Servant Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the Risen Lord! I had the opportunity to preach my first sermon at the Ministry in Context field education congregation where I serve a few Sundays ago. Both the retired seminary professor who attends worship at the parish and one particular congregation member who is highly trained in oral rhetoric had good things to say about it; that was very encouraging. I also had good feedback from supervisors, parishioners, and formerly from other seminarians and professors.

So I could take to heart that the sermon made sense theologically and scripturally and communicated the Good News clearly: all things that Lutheran parish pastors work very hard to do. I could also take to heart that all of the preaching, scripture, confessions, and systematic theology classes of seminary are heading me in the right direction, toward clear proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and serving / leading others according to that same gospel.

The text that fifth Sunday of Lent, as you may recall was Jesus' raising Lazarus (and Mary and Martha) from hopelessness and death to new life in Christ and to the realization that the Kingdom of God is come near—God is always present with us, suffering what humanity and creation suffers, rejoicing as humanity and creation rejoice. Just as the great "I AM" came to Moses at the burning bush and to Lazarus' family, Jesus comes to us and says, I AM the resurrection and the life (John 11:1-45).

It was a fitting text for a first sermon preached during the liminality of seminary. It fits the process of formation: letting go of some old ways, learning what old ways to keep or look at differently, and learning some new ways. And part of that process of formation involves waiting, just as it did for Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. Even when we realize God is doing the waiting with us—we are not alone in that either, the waiting is still hard.

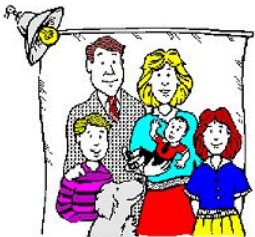
And so it is, as I continue to learn new ways, keep some old ways, and let go of other old ways—and wait. Part of what I continue to wait for as I write this article is news of what next year will hold in terms of internship. Please pray with me, as this continues to unfold in its development over the course of this month. Even with so many stresses for all of us these days, what I do know is this: God does indeed raise the dead to life, and God is indeed faithful in caring for you and me and all of creation.

Alleluia!

Your servant in Christ, Janice Heidlberger



PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



Do you ever see people and wonder what their names are? Are you a new member and wish you had something to help you put names with faces? Help is on the way! We are producing a pictorial family album! There is no cost to have your portraits taken, and you will receive a **complimentary 8x10 portrait and directory for participating**. At your session you will be able to view your images electronically and have the opportunity to purchase additional portraits to share with family & friends. **Portrait appointments will be available at various times May 19-21. Sign up before and after services on Sundays, or visit our website to sign up online.**

- ◆ For every family participating, **Lifetouch will donate 4 meals** to our church for Our Daily Bread, Denton.
- ◆ Bring 2 items for the community food bank to your appointment and you will receive \$5 off your order

Pick up a Portrait Guide that will help prepare you for your portrait session. If you have any questions please contact Joan Rennie, Coordinator [940-297-9177](tel:940-297-9177), or Ruth Johnson, Council President [940-765-4038](tel:940-765-4038).

To all who helped make Easter Vigil a wonderful time of worship and fellowship,



In particular, we would like to thank:

Janelle Davis
 KJ Cox
 Linda Naylor
 Monty Naylor
 Greg Thiele
 Hannah Waite

PRAYER CONCERNS

HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Bob Aparo (Ron's Brother)
 Jeannine Wendel
 Ed Powell
 Lou Ann Baerga
 Roger Larsen
 Tracy Dahlin
 Jacob Kersey & Family
 Christy LaFollett
 Brian Twigg
 Melba Compton
 Alek Woo
 Francisco Nieves
 Carolyn Pearson
 Betty Whitlock
 Jill Borowski
 Kim Hanson
 Norm Reese
 Dave Cramer
 Michael Baerga
 Shirley Jeffrey
 Lucille
 Betty Canty
 Brenda Adames
 Victoria Adames

Suzanna
 Christy
 Breanna Meyer
 Rod & Laura Proffer
 Brad Hulstein
 Liam Ward
 Torbjorn Nestenius
 Dailah Nieves-Nelson
 Betty Ned
 Margie Olivetti
 Greg Provin
 Ken Bellefeuille
 Pat DiBrito
 Lauren Hixson
 Patty Stovall
 Carey Rhodes
 The Lacy Family
 Harold Kludt
 Ledford Johnson
 Don Lagna
 Shannon Jordan
 Ken Stockdale
 Christy Wilson
 Suzanna Dillon

SEMINARIAN MINISTRY

Janice Heidlberger and family

GLOBAL

Earthquake Relief in Japan
 West Texas Fires
 Those affected by recent storms

GRIEVING

Family of Virginia Mitchell
 Family of Marisa McNeil-Rozdilsky
 The Nethery Family
 Wilma Loackaby

HOMEBOUND MEMBERS OF CTS

Lenora Herron
 Tracy Dahlin
 Jeannine Wendel
 Vi Klemmer
 Jim Nuber

LOVE BEAR RECIPIENTS

Carin Horn
 Alek Woo
 Liam Ward

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We give thanks and ask God's blessings for the following households, ministries, congregations:

May 1

Second Sunday of Easter
 Nicole & Jerimy Sisk, Audrey
 Kathy & Louie Slavens
 Bill & Carolyn Smith
 Kaffee Klatsch Bible Studies
 Lutheran Campus Ministry
 Lutheran Men in Mission
 St. John, Barlett
 First Sagrada Familia, Garland
 ELCA Mission Investment Fund

May 8

Third Sunday of Easter
 Ted & Rene Steenblock
 Anna Solberg
 John & CJ Solberg
 Lutheran World Relief Coffee Project
 Memorials Committee
 Mutual Ministry Team
 Nelson Center
 Midland, Midland
 Trinity, Sherman
 NT-NL Mission (Synod) Council

May 15

Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Susan & Peter Stanskas
 Trish & Walter Suksta,
 Thomas, Taryn, Tegan
 Debbie Taboada, Manuel, Juan
 Pablo, Cristi Elena, Lili, Francisco
 Office Administration
 Music Director
 Immanuel, Posey
 First, Longview
 Theological Education

May 22

Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Hannah Tarver
 Greg & Heidi Thiele, Kathleen, Karissa
 Andy Waite, Hannah
 Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen
 Pastor
 Patchwork 8 Dinners
 Property Team
 Holy Trinity, Shreveport
 Christ, Dallas
 North Central East Conference

May 29

Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Pastor Celene Welch
 Carlton & Jeannine Wendel
 Didi Wendel
 Quilters for Lutheran World Relief
 Readers
 Reception / Potluck Team
 Servant's Garden
 St. Olaf, Cranfills Gap
 Advent, Arlington
 Fund for Leaders in Mission



The Briarwood Vine

Providing a Natural Setting Where People Experience God's Love

May 2011



THE "WORD" IS OUT!! -- Summer Camp at Briarwood is GREAT!!

Now is the time to register for summer camp at Briarwood. We have weeks available for kids who have completed 1st grade through 12th grade. Younger kids and their siblings, parents, and grandparents are invited to be part of our "Family Camp."

Here is when you and/or your kids can be at Briarwood this summer:

June 19 to June 24

Yearlings	4th to 6th Graders
Adventurers	6th to 8th Graders
Explorers	9th to 12th Graders

June 19 to July 1

LYLE I	10th to 12th Graders
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June 26 to July 1

Young'ns A/B	1st to 3rd Graders (half week
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program)

Yearlings	4th to 6th Graders
Adventurers	6th to 8th Graders
On-Site Day Camp	Ages 4 to 10

July 3 to July 8

Confirmation Camp	Age Determined by Congregation
Pioneers	2nd to 4th Graders
GUITAR CAMP	5th to 8th Graders

July 10 to July 15

On-Site Day Camp	Ages 4 to 10
Family Camp	All Ages (Kids, Parents, Grandparents, etc.)

July 17 to July 22

Adventurers	6th to 8th Graders
Explorers	9th to 12th Graders

July 17 to July 29

LYLE II	11th to 12th Graders
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July 24 to July 29

Young'ns A/B	1st to 3rd Graders (half week
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program)

Yearlings	4th to 6th Graders
GUITAR CAMP	5th to 8th Graders
Adventurers	6th to 8th Graders

This summer we will explore the spoken words of our Lord, Jesus Christ. God has given us all a voice and the freedom to use it. We will examine Jesus' examples of sermons, parables, and teachings. We will look at the power of both the "WORD" and our words and how both can affect the world.

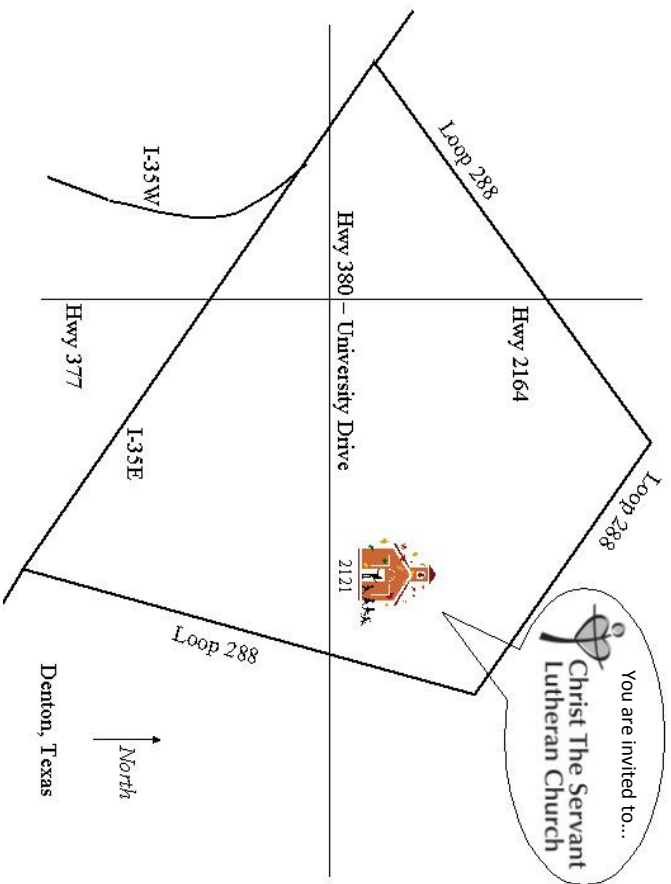
Back again this year is our popular canoeing program. Campers will be able to canoe one of the tributaries to Lake Lewisville, enjoying one of the most beautiful scenic areas in all of Texas. Mountain biking will also be available again this year. And NEW THIS YEAR - GUITAR CAMP!! (for 5th through 8th graders).

For more information about our summer camp program, including our summer brochure, registration forms, and other information, Click Here or contact Jon Thompson, Program Director, at 940-241-2099 or by email at jon@briarwoodretreat.org.

Are **you** ready for summer??

+ Peace +

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